

Effective Dates: Nov 20, 2015 through Nov 30, 2015 (End of Season)

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Monday thru Friday: 7:45am to 4:30pm Closed National Holidays Hood River Ranger Station (541) 352-6002 6780 Highway 35, Parkdale, OR 97041 Office Hours: Monday thru Friday: 8:00am to 4:30pm

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Closed National Holidays

To report suspicious activity on the Barlow or Hood River_Ranger District, call numbers listed above. Firewood season ends November 30 on the Mt Hood National Forest

Road Side Gathering Definitions and Restrictions

You may gather down wood (on the ground) with-in a 100 feet of the road edge on all roads open to the public unless specified under "Restrictions" below. (This includes the roads along The Dalles Watershed even though it states "No Trespassing.) Roads are defined as major signed roads. "Signed roads" are roads that have four digit or seven digit road numbers that are marked at the road or on District map. (Example: 1610 or 1610.120) Skid roads/wheel tracks are not considered major roads. Roads closed by berm, gate, guardrail or brush higher then bumper is considered closed to the public. Please refer to MVUM map to show the roads open to the public. If the road does not appear on the MVUM map then it is closed. All attached "rules and regulations" apply.

Rules and Regulations

<u>In addition to "General and Other Conditions" listed on the back of your permit, violation of any of the following</u> rules can result in fines and/or suspension of firewood cutting privileges.

1) WOODCUTTING IS PROHIBITED in timber sale areas (examples of timber sale areas are as follows, but not limited to, where standing trees and/or downed logs are painted, boundary flagging is present, logging equipment is operating or stationary, log decks are present, where stumps are present and it appears trees have been cut down. See info below about active Timber Sales on the Eastside) developed campgrounds, Wilderness Areas, Late Successional Reserves, Research Natural Areas, riparian areas

- 6) Do not cut trees (standing and/or down) marked with paint, signs, and/or wildlife tags. Only the collection of recently downed trees is allowed. Trees that have cavities in them and/or botanical life growing from them, should be left for wildlife and nutrient cycling.
- 7) It is PROHIBITED to cut standing trees, dead or alive or ANY tree that has been mechanically fell and severed from the stump, laying on ground,

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(riparian areas are defined as land within 300 feet of water such as springs, streams, wet meadows, floodplains and overflow channels) and all other areas posted closed to woodcutting unless otherwise indicated on the Weekly Information Sheet.

- 2) Your permit is only valid on Mt. Hood National **Forest land.** The Forest recommends that you have a map in your possession while hunting for and collecting your firewood. Wood cutting on non-Forest Service land is not authorized under your permit. Look for indicators that may help you determine whether or not you are on Mt. Hood National Forest Land. Forest Service roads (when marked) will be marked with brown carsonite signs accompanied by 4 numbers (for example: 4670) or 7 numbers (indicating main road and spur road (for example: 4670 210). Forest Service gates when open or closed are usually green or brown. Areas where clear-cuts are present, where gates are not brown or green, where road signs and numbers are not as described can be assumed as non-Forest Service land. If you are unsure about where you are, do not cut. Submit a Special Request or call to find out if the area is ok.
- 3) Woodcutting activity is only permitted within road prisms and/or within 100 feet of open forest roads. Examples of closed forest roads, are roads that are blocked by a gate, guard rail, constructed berm, large boulders, scarified ground where the original road surface has been "ripped up", or signed as closed.
- 4) Woodcutters must comply with all road closures, seasonal and temporary.
- 5) Off road travel is not authorized while collecting firewood. Park on the shoulder or in a safe constructed wide spot to gather firewood.

unless it "signed" wood cutting area or have a special request form approved. Please call Ranger District if unsure.

- 8) Protect all live trees and other vegetation during removal activities.
- 9) The only power equipment authorized for use are: chainsaws and small hydraulic splitter, unless otherwise prohibited in specific cutting areas. Winching or using a cable to drag out firewood is not allowed.
- **10)** Each household may purchase **up to 5 cords of personal use firewood annually.** Cost is \$10.00 per cord; minimum purchase two cords per permit (\$20.00).
- 11) Fill out the Product Quantity Removal Record on your signed permit. The Product Quantity Removal Record is located above the signature line on your permit.
- 12) A new load tag must be validated by completely removing the month and day that you are transporting your firewood. The validated tag must be attached at the back of the load prior to moving the vehicle and must be clearly visible. One tag is required for every 1/2 cord of firewood, or any portion thereof. See Cord Wood Illustrations
- 13) Remove all slash from roads and ditches. Pack out ALL garbage you generate from your activities (examples include: lunch trash, beverage containers, cigarette butts, toilet paper, gas cans, broken chains etc...)
- 14) No rolling wood off of steep banks in areas where it could roll into traffic or cause erosion.

Roads that are closed or have restrictions are as follows:

- HWY 216 has hazard trees fell along it. These trees are not available to cut at this time.
- Portions of FS road 1710, 1711 (refer to map for Roan/Equis/Lokai)
- Special Note: Crane Timber Sale, on the Barlow Ranger District, will be temporarily closing roads 4880 and 4860 between the hours of 0300 to 1300. The reason is the predicted heavy haul of chip trucks and log trucks (24-30 per day) for the next several weeks Portions FS road 4860, 4880 4885. (refer to map for Crane).
- Portions of FS road 1300 (refer to map for Faller/Wedge/Ax)
- Portions of FS road 43 and 2610. (refer to map for Bow/Raft)
- **No cutting** on HWY 216, HWY 35, HWY 26, or the Barlow Trail Road (3530) unless you have a signed special request.
- Entire portion of road 4800 is closed to cutting from the 4890 west to HWY 35.
- 4860.140 road to Badger Lake Campground is closed 2 miles in from 4860 junction.

Special Requests: If you are unsure about an area you may submit a special request. Please allow for up to two weeks for call back. The special request form is available on the web under "Firewood Information" for Eastside or at a Ranger Station.